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PAPER

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1. THE REVISED DRAFT OF THE AML PAPER HAS INCORPORATED
A NUMBER OF THE CHANGES SUGGESTED IN REF C AS WELL AS
SOME NEW LANGUAGE FOR PARAS 10-12 AND 21-22 PUT FORWARD
BY THE UK REP.

2. SPECIFIC CHANGES TO THE TEXT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
(PARA REFS ARE TO THE LATEST DRAFT):

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--PARA 3 NOW DRAWS UPON THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN PARA
3C OF STATE 296501;

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--PARA 4 HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY REVISED TO MORE ACCURATELY
REFLECT SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION IN THE PAPER. SUBPARA C
CONTAINS THE LANGUAGE SUGGESTED IN PARA 2A. REF C;

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--PARA 5 HAS PLACED THE REFERENCE TO "ROSTER STRENGTH"
IN A FOOTNOTE (PER 2C, REF C) AND CHANGED "IS" TO
"APPEARS TO BE" (PER PARA 2J, REF C). THE WG ALSO

AGREED TO PLACE THE ADDITIONAL US DEFINITIONS ON
"ASSIGNMENT" AND "OPERATING" STRENGTH IN THE ANNEX;
--IN PARA 6, OUR SUGGESTED ADDITION OF YET ANOTHER
SENTENCE REGARDING THE NEED FOR A PRECISE DEFINITION
(PARA 2D, REF C) WAS RESISTED BY THE WG AS BEING
REDUNDANT IN VIEW OF THE LANGUAGE IN INTER ALIA PARAS
3, 9, 12, 21, AND 25;
--PARAS 7 AND 8 ARE A REWRITE OF OLD PARAS 6 AND 7 TO
REFLECT THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN PARA 2E, REF C;
--PARAS 10-12 ARE A UK-PROPOSED REDRAFT OF THIS
SECTION;
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--AS NOTED IN REF B, WG RESISTED EFFORTS TO REVISE
PARA 14 AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 2F REF C. THIS PARA WAS
PREPARED (AND DEFENDED) BY IMS INTELLIGENCE SECTION.
IT IS NOW BRACKETED AND THE WG HAS REQUESTED US LAN-
GUAGE TO REPLACE AT LEAST THE FINAL SENTENCE OF THIS
PARA;
--PARA 17 HAS BEEN RETAINED AS THE SINGLE SPECULATIVE
EXCURSION IN THE PAPER. THIS PARA MAKES A BASIC POINT
WHICH THE WG FELT WAS WORTH PRESERVING AND WE RECOMMEND
ITS ACCEPTANCE;
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--PARA 21 (LAST SENTENCE) AND 22 HAVE BEEN REVISED PER
A UK PROPOSAL;
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--PARA 22: THE FOOTNOTE TO THIS PARA WAS SUGGESTED BY
THE DUTCH REP;
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--PARA 24(A): WE WERE UNABLE TO DELETE THIS PARA IN
VIEW OF THE DISCUSSION CONTAINED IN PARAS 7-8, BUT IT
HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY QUALIFIED;
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--PARA 25: THE US QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AND THE
WG WOULD WELCOME ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.
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3. COMMENT: WHILE THE PRESENT DRAFT MAY NOT BE IDEAL,
IT HAS COME A LONG WAY TOWARD MEETING US CONCERNS. THERE
IS, HOWEVER, A CERTAIN LASSITUDE CURRENTLY INVESTING WG
DISCUSSION OF THIS TEXT: THE FRG REP SEEMS WILLING TO
LET THE ENTIRE STUDY DIE, WHILE THE WG STAFF FEELS
THEY HAVE GONE ABOUT AS FAR AS THEY CAN WITH THE
AVAILABLE INFORMATION. END COMMENT.
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4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON THE LATEST
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